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Memorandum

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To: Child and Adult Care Food Program Sponsoring Organizations
From: Melissa Steinle, Team Leader, CACFP
Subject: DES Relative Care #2

The Department of Education has consulted with the Department of Economic Security regarding the current relative care policy.

- DES indicates that it will subsidize a qualifying child, when that child receives care from an approved relative in a non-DES certified home.
- The qualifying DES child is not considered the provider's (relative's) own because the child is returned to the care, custody and control of the parent within a 24-hour period, under typical circumstances.
- DES policy further states that the caregiver may not provide care for other DES qualifying children unless they meet the relationship definition.
- The provider must maintain lawful care of four or fewer children for compensation at any one time.

In the instances where the relative caregiver, parent and child share the same residence, CACFP determines that even though the child returns to the care custody and control of the parent within any given 24-hour period, the fact remains that the child resides with the caregiver. The child must be considered as the provider's own. If the caregiver wishes to participate on CACFP and qualifies as Tier I home, the provider must have non-residential children in care during meal service to be considered for meal reimbursement.

If the relative caregiver wishes to participate on the Child and Adult Care Food Program, the home must qualify as an alternately approved home and all DES requirements for relative care must be maintained.

ADE regrets any confusion that may have been caused regarding DES Relative Care. If you have questions, please contact your assigned specialist or the Child Nutrition Office at 602.542.8700.